

Last time: Gaussian Elim.

## Solution Paradigms

A linear system has 3 possible solution paradigms:

→ No solutions ✗ (from an inconsistent equation)

→ Exactly 1 solution ✗

→ Infinitely many solutions. ← ✗

Thm: These are the only three possibilities...

Goal: Determine solution sets.

Gave solutions as column vectors.

In general we give a full set of column vectors

Ex: Last time we solved

$$\begin{cases} 2x + z + w = 5 \\ y - w = -1 \\ 3x - z - w = 0 \\ 4x + y + 2z + w = 9 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = -1 + t \\ z = 5 - t \\ w = t \end{cases} \text{ for any } t \in \mathbb{R}$$

We write the solution set like so:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1+t \\ 5-t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ t \\ -t \\ t \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightsquigarrow \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 5 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

NB: this vector is a particular solution...

# Matrices

A matrix is a rectangular array of numbers

Ex:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$   $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$   
 $3 \times 2$   $2 \times 2$   $1 \times 3$

An  $m \times n$  matrix has  $m$  rows and  $n$  columns

A column vector is an  $n \times 1$  matrix.

A row vector is a  $1 \times n$  matrix.

The entries of a matrix are the numbers in the matrix.  
 Entries are indexed by row and column.

Ex:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & -3 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & -7 & \pi & e & \gamma \end{bmatrix}$   
 $a_{3,2} = -7$   
 row number column number

Convention: Matrices are represented w/ Capital letters.  
 the corresponding entries are rep'd by the lowercase letters, so

$$D = [d_{i,j}]$$

We can represent a linear system via an augmented matrix.

Ex:  $\begin{cases} 3x + 5y - 7z + w = 0 \\ 5y - 3z + v = 5 \\ x - z = 6 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 3 & 5 & -7 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 0 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right]$

Let's solve this system w/ its matrix representation

NB: Gaussian elimination translates into "row operations" for the matrix setup.

Sol:  $\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 3 & 5 & -7 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 6 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\substack{p_3 \leftrightarrow p_1 \\ p = \text{"rho"}}]{p_3 \leftrightarrow p_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & -7 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \right]$

$\xrightarrow{p_3 - 3p_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 5 & -4 & 1 & -18 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{p_3 - p_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 5 & -3 & 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 & 0 & -23 \end{array} \right]$

$\xrightarrow[\substack{-p_3 \\ \frac{1}{5}p_2}]{\frac{1}{5}p_2} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & -1 & 0 & 6 \\ 0 & 1 & -\frac{3}{5} & \frac{1}{5} & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 23 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow[\substack{p_2 + \frac{3}{5}p_3}]{p_1 + p_3} \left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 29 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{74}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 23 \end{array} \right]$

"first nonzero entry of each row is a 1 and sees only 0's above and below" → "Reduced Row Echelon Form"

$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 29 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} & \frac{74}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 23 \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} x = 29 \\ y + \frac{1}{5}z = \frac{74}{5} \\ z = 23 \end{cases}$

$\rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 29 \\ y = \frac{74}{5} - \frac{1}{5}t \\ z = 23 \\ w = t \end{cases} \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{R}$  OR  $\begin{cases} x = 29 \\ y = 5 \\ z = 23 \\ w = 74 - 5s \end{cases} \text{ for } s \in \mathbb{R}$

Hence we have solution set  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 29 \\ \frac{74}{5} \\ 23 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -\frac{1}{5} \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$

OR  $\left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 29 \\ 0 \\ 23 \\ 74 \end{bmatrix} + s \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -1 \\ 0 \\ -5 \end{bmatrix} : s \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  ← same solution set, different form!  $\square$

Ex: Solve 
$$\begin{cases} x_1 + x_3 = 4 \\ x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 5 \\ 4x_1 - x_2 + 5x_3 = 17 \end{cases}$$

Sol: 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 & 2 & 5 \\ 4 & -1 & 5 & 17 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{p_2 - p_1 \\ p_3 - 4p_1}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{\substack{-p_2 \\ p_3 + p_2}} \left[ \begin{array}{ccc|c} 1 & 0 & 1 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore \begin{cases} x_1 + x_3 = 4 \\ x_2 - x_3 = -1 \end{cases} \rightsquigarrow \begin{cases} x_1 = 4 - t \\ x_2 = -1 + t \\ x_3 = t \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \text{Solution set is } \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} : t \in \mathbb{R} \right\} \quad \square$$

$\therefore$  = "therefore"

Ex: Solve 
$$\begin{cases} 3x + 2y = 5 \\ -6x - 4y = 0 \end{cases}$$

Sol: 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 2 & 5 \\ -6 & -4 & 0 \end{array} \right] \xrightarrow{p_2 + 2p_1} \left[ \begin{array}{cc|c} 3 & 2 & 5 \\ 0 & 0 & 10 \end{array} \right] \leftarrow$$

$\therefore 0 = 10$  is implied by the second row,

So the solution set is  $\emptyset = \{\}$   
 $\uparrow$  empty set.  $\square$

# Preview of Coming Attractions: Matrix Algebra.

Operations on matrices (today):

→ Normal row operations  
(swap, add, multiply).

$$\rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} + t \begin{bmatrix} 7 \\ 0 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7t \\ 1 \\ 5+5t \end{bmatrix}$$

matrix addition      scalar multiplication

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $A$  and  $B$  be  $m \times n$  matrices and let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  be constant.

The sum of  $A$  and  $B$  is  $A+B = [a_{ij} + b_{ij}]$ ,  
i.e. the matrix obtained by entry-wise addition.

The scalar multiple of  $A$  by  $c$  is  $cA = [ca_{ij}]$ ,  
i.e. the matrix obtained from multiplying each entry of  $A$  by  $c$ .

Ex:  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & -1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3+7 & -1-1 & 0+0 \\ 2+0 & 0-1 & 1-1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -2 & 0 \\ 2 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$5 \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & -3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \cdot 2 & 5 \cdot 3 \\ 5 \cdot 1 & 5 \cdot (-3) \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & 15 \\ 5 & -15 \end{bmatrix}$$

Non-ex:  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 5 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 3 \\ 7 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$   
IS UNDEFINED!